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18 November 1965

1. PROJECT TITLE/CODE NAME

Modulated-Light Direct
Film Viewer
(Overrun/Change in Scope)

2. SHORT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A direct film viewer utilizing a modulated
kinescope illumination system to provide selectively
dodged illumination of film transparencies on a (Contd)

3. CONTRACTOR NAME

4. LOCATION OF CONTRACTOR

5. TYPE OF CONTRACTOR

Manufacturer

6. TYPE OF CONTRACT

CPFF

7. FUNDS

FY 1965 \$

FY 1965 \$

FY 1966 \$

8. REQUISITION NO.

10. EFFECTIVE CONTRACT DATE
(Begin - end)

May 1965 - January 1966

9. BUDGET PROJECT NO.

Old New
NP-V-15 / NP-ML-2

11. SECURITY CLASS.

A.A. - Confidential
T. - Unclassified
W. - Unclassified

12. RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR

13. PROJECT OFFICER TELEPHONE EXTENSION

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13. REQUIREMENT/AUTHORITY

This project is required to improve the state-of-the-art in the direct viewing
of film transparencies for exploitation purposes. Additional funding is required
for an overrun and a change of scope.

14. TYPE OF WORK TO BE DONE

Engineering Development

15. CATEGORIES OF EFFORT

MAJOR CATEGORY

Viewers and Interpretation
Equipment

SUB-CATEGORIES

Electronic

Interpretation/Analysis

16. END ITEM OR SERVICES FROM THIS CONTRACT/IMPROVEMENT OVER CURRENT SYSTEM, EQUIPMENT, ETC.

This contract is for the development and production of two identical prototype
modulated light direct film viewers. The cost of the first unit, which includes
development, is [] the cost of the second unit is [] No viewer having
any similar capability is known to exist.

17. SUPPORTING OR RELATED CONTRACTS (Agency & Other)/COORDINATION

This is a new concept which does not duplicate any other effort within the
Intelligence Community.

Declassification Review by NGA/DoD

18. DESCRIPTION OF INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENT AND DETAILED TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (Continue on additional page if required)

The viewer is intended to fulfill a requirement for an electronically dodged
source of illumination for direct viewing of film transparencies. The device will
reduce the physiological strain on the human visual system and will also improve
the display of photographic information for more efficient and effective
exploitation. The selection of this proposal represents the culmination of two
years work on the part of the Plans and Development Staff in conceiving and
formulating the objectives of such a viewer and three independent feasibility (Contd)

19. APPROVED BY AND DATE

OFFICE

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2. light table.

18. studies performed by industry under contract to NPIC. The three companies representing industry in this program were EG&G, [redacted] All three of these corporations performed creditable investigations in the state-of-the-art of controlled light spot scanning to define the feasibility of this concept.

The selection of [redacted] for the second phase prototype development was on the basis that they demonstrated more interest in the total program and were obviously the most aggressive in their pursuit. In addition to an excellent investigative phase, they performed considerable work in detailing the general design parameters of an operational prototype and projected the significance of their investigation into the realm of the Rear-Projection Modulated Light Film Viewer. The concept of the Modulated Light Direct Film Viewer they proposed is comprehensive and responsive to our requirements. In spite of the short term of their proposal (four months vice nine months by GAC) the cost of the [redacted] proposal is only two-thirds as great.

[redacted] proposed to build two prototype Modulated Light Direct Film Viewers having the following characteristics:

- a. Overall dimensions approximately 68" wide X 25 - $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep X 40" high (to table top).
- b. Modulated-light area size 9" x 12".
- c. Kinescope will be a 17" diameter tube with 140" radius-of-curvature faceplate. The tube is not a production item in that a special high-current gun will be employed. Phosphor type is P4.
- d. A motorized film transport system will be provided.
- e. A [redacted] 7X to 30X Stereo Zoom microscope in 360° rotatable arm, mounted on a suitable carriage will be furnished.
- f. Illuminated area peak brightness will be about 1000 ft-lamberts.
- g. Contrast compression will be 30:1.
- h. Scan will be box type, i.e. non-unidirectional, and without visible flicker.
- i. Operating controls will be located for easy access and will consist of:

Brightness
Contrast compression gain
Height and Width of illuminated area
Position control of illuminated area.

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18. j. Complete X-ray protection for the operator will be included in the design.
 - k. The table top will be tiltable to 45°, and turntable can be rotated 360°.
 - l. The equipment will be designed and built in accord with good commercial practice and [] Workmanship Standards.
 - m. An Operation and Maintenance Manual will be furnished to the customer.
 - n. [] personnel will assist in initial installation of equipment and instruction of operating personnel, and repair if required for a period of six months.

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On the basis of the feasibility of this concept it was felt that for the nominal additional cost of [] the production of two identical prototypes was most prudent. The second prototype may be retained at the contractor's facility for a short period to perform additional investigative work while the first model is under evaluation at NPIC. Later the second model will be made available for operational use. A change in scope of [] is required for console packaging; a design which will more nearly conform to the operational requirements at NPIC. Specifically, the height of the illuminated surface was reduced from 40 inches to 33 inches and the electronic cabinets were lowered to 30 inches. The overrun incorporated a counter balanced microscope transport system [] and the fabrication of a flat face kinescope tube -- the light source [] 25X1 25X1

These two items were excluded from the original contract; however, during development it became apparent that the use of these approaches would obviate many extremely difficult mechanical problems. The counter balanced microscope will permit uniform microscope translation regardless of the degree of tilt of the light table. The flat face kinescope tube will allow microscope translation over a flat surface rather than a curved one as would be the case if a standard kinescope were employed. All three of the above items affect both of the tables being fabricated.

Appropriate security channels for this contractor are already established.

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